

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

No. **475-2016**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

DATE: November 8, 2016

SUBJECT: **CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI AND CITY OF NORTH MIAMI RESOLUTIONS**

Attached for your information is Resolution No. 206-16-14761, adopted by the Mayor and Commission of the City of South Miami on November 1, 2016.

A RESOLUTION URGING MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY TO SECURE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH ELIMINATING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND CONVERTING TO SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS.

And,

Resolution No. 2016-R-105, adopted by the Mayor and Commission of the City of North Miami on October 25, 2016.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SECURE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH ELIMINATING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND CONVERTING TO SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO EACH MAYOR OF MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

The City of South Miami and the City of North Miami have requested that a copy of these resolutions be provided to the Miami Beach Mayor and Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 305.673.7411.

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Attachments

RESOLUTION NO.: 206-16-14761

A Resolution urging municipalities within Miami-Dade County to partner with the county to secure state and federal funding to assist with eliminating septic systems and converting to sewer system connections.

WHEREAS, onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, commonly referred to as septic systems, are a type of onsite sewage facility; and

WHEREAS, a key component of a septic system is the significant treatment of wastewater in an underground drainfield; and

WHEREAS, some portions of the County, particularly rural and suburban areas, lack public sanitary sewer systems and therefore rely on septic systems to treat and dispose of wastewater from toilets, showers, sinks, and dishwashers; and

WHEREAS, within some municipalities in Miami-Dade County, residents also rely on septic systems; and

WHEREAS, wherever located, septic systems may present environmental concerns and are potentially vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2016, Governor Rick Scott announced that he will propose additional funding in his State Fiscal Year 2017-2018 recommended budget for a voluntary matching program to encourage residents to convert from septic tanks to sewer systems to help curb pollution that is currently entering into the Indian River Lagoon and Caloosahatchee River; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Scott stated in a press release that "[s]eptic tank runoff is a major contributor to the pollution in these water bodies and I look forward to working with the Legislature to fund efforts to curb it"; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal would also provide financial support to local communities to help them build wastewater systems to meet the increased demand for wastewater services; and

WHEREAS, as the Governor explained, "PR is up to all of us — the state, Florida's local communities and the federal government — to work together on long term solutions to improve the quality of our water," and "[t]hat is why I am going to commit state funding and match it with local contributions so we can work together on efforts to clean up our waters"; and

WHEREAS, in a companion item, the City of South Miami is urging the Florida Legislature to provide state funding to assist local communities in eliminating septic systems and converting to sewer system connections, as proposed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the importance of eliminating septic systems and converting to sewer system connections extends beyond the local and state level, with the federal government playing an active role in water quality issues; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Commission would like to partner with municipalities within Miami-Dade County to eliminate septic systems for the betterment of our environment and water quality, and to seek funding from the state and federal levels to assist with such endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. Municipalities within Miami-Dade County are urged to join the City of South Miami and to partner with the County to secure state and federal funding to assist with eliminating septic systems and converting to sewer system connections.

Section 2. The Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Mayor or Manager of each municipality in Miami-Dade County, the Council or Commission of each municipality in Miami-Dade County, and the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

Section 3. Severability. If any section clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November, 2016.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

MAYOR

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LANGUAGE, LEGALITY AND
EXECUTION THEREOF

CITY ATTORNEY

COMMISSION VOTE:	5-0
Mayor Stoddard:	Yea
Vice Mayor Welsh:	Yea
Commissioner Edmond:	Yea
Commissioner Liebman:	Yea
Commissioner Harris:	Yea

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-105

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OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING
MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
TO PARTNER WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO
SECURE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO ASSIST
WITH ELIMINATING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND
CONVERTING TO SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS;
DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A
COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO EACH MAYOR OF
MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, commonly referred to as 'septic systems', are a type of onsite sewage facility, with the significant treatment of wastewater occurring in an underground drainfield; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find the elimination of septic systems, in conjunction with the conversion to sewer system connections, will help to protect our environment and water quality; and thereby advance the health, safety, and welfare of all City residents, as well as the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Urging Municipalities within Miami-Dade County.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby urge municipalities within Miami-Dade County to partner with Miami-Dade County to secure state and federal funding to assist with eliminating septic systems and converting to sewer system connections.

Section 2. **Direction to City Clerk.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to each Mayor of municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

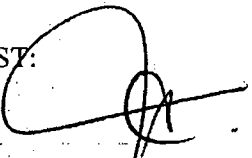
Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 -0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 25th day of October, 2016.



DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:



MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Joseph

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime

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